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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of all claims is presented below with insertions underlined (e.g., insertion), and deletions struckthrough or in double brackets (e.g., ~~deletion~~ or [[deletion]]).

Please amend Claims 31 and 99-100 as follows.

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (**Currently Amended**) An irrigation kit comprising:

a transparent flexible sheet having an aperture configured to engage an irrigation device;

a basin for collecting irrigation fluid used during a[[n]] wound irrigation procedure, the basin being sterilized and made of a biocompatible hypoallergenic material, wherein the basin includes a recess for receiving a part of the human anatomy;

wherein the aperture, in an enlarged state, is configured to fit over a conical splash shield extending distally from a collar attached to a tip of the irrigation device, the conical splash shield having a conical shape extending from a smaller diameter portion at the collar to a larger diameter at an open distal end, wherein the aperture when in a relaxed state is smaller than the open end and thereby remains connected to the irrigation device;

wherein the flexible sheet is sized to cover a wound area and the basin; and

a cover providing a seal over the kit so as to keep the flexible sheet and basin in a sterilized state.

32. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31 further comprising a cannula having an adhesive surface.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the flexible sheet is made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of polyurethane, polypropylene, polyvinyl chloride, and polyvinyl acetate.

35. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the flexible sheet has a shape selected from the group consisting of a circle, a square, a rectangle, a half-circle, a star and a diamond.

36. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the flexible sheet has a thickness selected from the group consisting of 0.001 inch to 0.02 inch.

37. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the flexible sheet is configured to have an umbrella shape.

38. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the flexible sheet is pleated to define an umbrella shape.

39. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the flexible sheet is at least four feet long.

40. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein an elastic member is attached around the aperture.

41. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 40, wherein the elastic member comprises a latex portion having an elastically enlargeable opening.

42. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the aperture is elastically deformable.

43. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the basin is configured to collect fluid during irrigation of a wound on a human knee.

44. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the basin is configured to collect fluid during irrigation of a wound on a human shoulder.

45. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the basin is configured to collect fluid during irrigation of a wound on a human elbow.

46. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the basin is configured to collect fluid during irrigation of a wound on a human ankle.

47. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the basin is configured to collect fluid during irrigation of a wound on a human hip.

48. (Original) The irrigation kit of Claim 31, wherein the basin further comprises a grommet.

49. (**Previously Presented**) An irrigation kit comprising:

a transparent flexible sheet having an aperture configured to engage an irrigation device comprising a conical splash shield extending distally from a collar attached to a tip

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of the irrigation device, material of the flexible sheet being configured and sized to, in an enlarged state, to fit over the conical splash shield; and

a basin for collecting irrigation fluid used during a wound irrigation procedure, the basin being sterilized and made of a biocompatible hypoallergenic material;

a grommet having a sealing surface and configured to connect to a tube to discharge the irrigation fluid;

wherein the basin has at least one surface, said surface having at least one convertible portion configured to be convertible between a complete leak proof wall and an aperture configured to allow the basin to be drained through the aperture, wherein the convertible portion includes a scored frangible portion substantially flush with the at least one surface and configured to receive the grommet such that the sealing surface contacts the at least one surface to form a substantially water-tight seal; and

wherein the flexible sheet is sized to cover a wound area and the basin.

50. (Canceled)

51-98. (Canceled)

99. (**Currently Amended**) An irrigation shield for a wound irrigation procedure, the irrigation shield comprising a flat transparent flexible sheet having an elastically enlargeable aperture configured to fit over and releasably engage a head of an irrigation device comprising a flexible splash shield having proximal collar and a conical body that diverges in a distal direction away from the collar toward a distal rim,[[;]] wherein the elastically enlargeable aperture when in a relaxed state is smaller than the distal rim end and thereby remains connected to the irrigation device, wherein the flexible sheet is sized to cover a wound area and an irrigation basin.

100. (**Currently Amended**) The irrigation shield of Claim 99 further comprising a latex portion circumferentially attached to the aperture, the latex portion having an elastically enlargeable opening for receiving the [[irrigation nozzle]]flexible splash shield.

101. (Previously Presented) An irrigation shield according to Claim 99, wherein the sheet has an umbrella shape.

102. (Original) An irrigation shield according to Claim 99, wherein the sheet is four feet long.

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103-123. (Cancelled)

124. (Previously Presented) The irrigation kit according to Claim 36, wherein the flexible sheet is four feet long.

125. (Previously Presented) The irrigation shield according to Claim 99, wherein the flexible sheet has a thickness selected from the group consisting of 0.001 inch to 0.02 inch.

126. (Previously Presented) The irrigation shield according to Claim 49, wherein the grommet includes a peel-off seal.

127. (Previously Presented) The irrigation shield according to Claim 49, wherein the grommet includes a strainer.